

SAP Telecon

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Highlights Since Last Meeting

- **Landsat 7 Support Terminated.**
 - ◆ Can be considered part of 'LTA Transition'.
 - ◆ Accelerated by SLC-Off Anomaly and resulting funding shortfall.
 - ◆ Funding decrease successfully managed by the LP DAAC.
- **Existing Systems Grow More Mature.**
 - ◆ ECS more stable, robust.
- **New Capabilities and Products Come On Line.**
 - ◆ Tools, interfaces.
- **Funding Generally Decreasing.**

Strategy, LTA Transition

- **Strategy Paper**

- ◆ Only significant change over past strategy was to be more proactive towards supporting users.
- ◆ Reconfirms USGS goal to work well with NASA, and to focus the LP DAAC on NASA data sets.

- **LTA Transition**

- ◆ USGS LTA funding initiative is being worked, as part of “Terrestrial Monitoring”.
- ◆ SAP letter on LTA just went to Dr. Groat, head of the USGS.

Potential Transfer of Work to USGS

- During recent budget exercises, some LP DAAC capability was on the chopping block.
- Stopping hard media distribution is routinely suggested by NASA; saved for FY05, probably for FY06. FY07 is TBD.
 - ◆ One option is to transfer hard media responsibility to the USGS (who would charge nominal fee for the service).
- **Stopping ASTER DEM production is also a possible cost savings (>1 FTE, hardware, software, etc).**
 - ◆ Again, the USGS could take this role, and charge a fee for it.

The Last of the Agenda

- **NASA Headquarters Perspective on UWG/SAPs**
 - ◆ We've heard rumors that NASA HQ is changing it's policy towards the User Working Groups a.k.a. Science Advisory Panels. Any news?
- **NASA Headquarters Perspective on Measurement Teams**
 - ◆ Measurement Teams are the future of NASA's Earth Science data management. Any news?
- **Next Meeting**